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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: 83RD PLENARY, 17 MARCH 1976
ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 137

1. SUMMARY: MOROKHOV GAVE SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF MEANING OF JOINT OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT: IT WOULD BE INSTALLED AND OPERATED BY PARTY OWNING EQUIPMENT, BUT REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTY MUST UNDERSTAND AND NOTE ALL OPERATIONS TO ENSURE THAT ACTIVITIES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN INSTALLATION AND OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS NOT CONDUCTED. MOROKHOV REVIEWED HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS ON VERIFICATION METHODS, STATING MANY CONCESSIONS GIVEN BY SOVIETS WITH NONE BY US. TODAY HE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH POST-EXPLOSION OPERATION OF LOCAL SEISMIC NET. THIS UNNECESSARY, AND CONSTITUTES INTERFERENCE WITH PROJECT BECAUSE SOVIET PNE PERSONNEL USUALLY LEAVE PROJECT TWO TO FIVE DAYS POST-SHOT. END SUMMARY.

2. MOROKHOV SAID SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF JOINT OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT PERTAINED TO EQUIPMENT OF PARTY CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION, OR TO EQUIPMENT OF VERIFYING SIDE, WHICH-EVER IS USED FOR VERIFICATION. HE SAID EQUIPMENT WOULD BE OPERATED BY PERSONNEL OF PARTY OWNING EQUIPMENT. EACH OPERATION CARRIED OUT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO, UNDERSTOOD, AND LOGGED BY PERSONNEL OF OTHER PARTY TO ENSURE AGAINST ACTS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN INSTALLATION AND OPERATION
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3. MOROKHOV SAID THAT PERSONNEL OF PARTY NOT OWNING EQUIPMENT "COULD NOT INTERFERE WITH DIRECT CONTROL" OF PERSONNEL OF PARTY OWNING EQUIPMENT, BUT COULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN EMPLACEMENT, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION, IF REQUESTED BY EQUIPMENT OWNER.

4. SOVIETS RECOUNTED HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT OF EQUIPMENT POSITION FROM USE OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS ONLY, TO CURRENT SITUATION WHICH INCLUDES OBSERVERS, SLIFERS, AND LOCAL SEISMIC NET (LSN). SAID SOVIETS HAD YIELDED TO US MANY TIMES TO GET UNDERSTANDING, UBT NO RECIPROCAL MOVES BY US. INSTEAD, US INTRODUCED PROPOSALS TO MAKE POSSIBLITY OF AGREEMENT MORE DIFFICULT. EXAMPLES ARE 20 KILOMETERS FOR LSN, AND 300 KILOTONS FOR YIELD FOR INTRODUCTION OF LSN. NOW US INSISTS ON 15-DAY OPERATION OF LSN AFTER EXPLOSION. MOROKHOV SAID CAVITY COLLAPSE SO UNCERTAIN AS TO TIMING THAT 15 DAYS "MEANS NOTHING AND IS ARBITRARY."

5. MOROKHOV ARGUED THAT SOVIET PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH CONDUCT OF PNE QUA PNE ALWAYS LEAVE A PROJECT FROM TWO TO FIVE DAYS AFTER EXPLOSION AND PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF PROJECT ARRIVE. PNE, THUS, IS ONLY PART OF LARGER PROJECT. HENCE, PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS FOR 15 DAYS POST-SHOT INTERFERES WITH CONDUCT OF EXPLO-SION BECAUSE IT FORCES HOST PNE PERSONNEL TO REMAIN. TIME FOR OPERATION OF LSN SHOULD BE 12-15 HOURS. SOVIETS VIEW THIS AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHO OPERATES LSN EQUIPMENT (PARA 2 ABOVE).

6. COMMENT ON PARA 2 ABOVE: PROVIDED SOVIETS WILLING TO REFLECT IT ADEQUATELY IN TEXT, DELEGATION BELIEVES MOROKHOV EXPLANATION OF JOINT OPERATION OR PARTICIPATION --REINFORCED BY STATEMENT REPORTED PARA 3 THAT HOST PARTY PERSONNEL WOULD NOT TOUCH EQUIPMENT UNBIDDEN -- WOULD MEET US CONCERNS AS TO HOST POARTY ACCESS TO EQUIP-MENT DURING INSTALLATION AND OPERATION. END COMMENT.

7. REFERENCE STATE 64462 PARA 4. PLEASE PROVIDE
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RATIONALE IN SUPPORT OF THIS SUGGESTION. SEE MOSCOW 3964 PARA 4(H).

8. REFERENCE STATE 64462 PARA 5. SEE MOSCOW 1747 PARA 1, ITEM 3.

9. REFERENCE STATE 64462 PARA 6. WE WILL TRY.

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10. DUFF DEPARTING TODAY. AMBASSADOR REQUESTS RETENTION OF BOTH MARTIN AND PHELPS DUE ANTICIPATED WORKLOAD DURING PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AHEAD.

1. MYASNIKOV, WHOSE 50TH BIRTHDAY MARCH 17, WAS SAID BY MOROKHOV "TO BE AWAY ON ASSIGNMENT."
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